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Classified By: Ambassador R. Stephen Beecroft,  
for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Ambassador Beecroft raised the Middle East Policy Planning Dialogue concept with Foreign Minister Salah Al-Bashir on September 4. The FM - who had just returned from abroad - said he would examine the proposal and that Jordan would likely come back with a positive response and suggestions for topics. Separately, PolOff discussed reftel proposal with MFA Policy Planning and Research Director Omar Nahar on August 25. Nahar's reaction was enthusiastic.

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